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I am writing in support of ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust through SB 27 and SB 283. The Essential Worker Healthcare Trust (EWHT) gives long-term care workers like me quality, affordable health care coverage. I recently worked on the contract bargaining team for Umpqua Valley, the most important priority for most employees was the EWHT. I had an employee tell me before I went to bargaining that she would rather have the healthcare than a raise because it would be a larger boost to her paycheck. I feel like with the Essential Workers Healthcare Trust I'll actually be able to go to the doctor's office when I need to instead of trying to self-treat at home. Since 2021, the EWHT has provided nearly 6,000 people like me with health coverage for ourselves and our families, please fund EWHT. -Kim Kulland, CMA, Umpqua Valley Nursing Center